
City of Bethel, Alaska

Public Safety & Transportation Commission

May 7th, 2013

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Commission was held on May 7th, 2013 in the Bethel City Hall Council Chambers.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Brian Lefferts *Chair*
Pat Jennings
Joe Yoon
Johnny Furlong
Sharon Sigmon *Council Member*

Unexcused Absent: Annette Sutton *Vice Chair*
George Young *Fire Chief*

Excused Absent: Joan Dewey *Alternate*
Jennifer Dobson *Alternate*
Paul Gregory

Ex-Officio: Andre Achee *Police Lieutenant for Chief of Police*
KaJena Baty *Recorder and Transportation Inspector Designee*

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

No one present to be heard

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:	Jennings	Motion to approve the agenda.
SECONDED:	Sigmon	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED:	Furlong	Motion to approve the minutes of April 3 rd , 2013.
SECONDED:	Yoon	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

VI. CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Fire Chief George Young- *Not present to be heard*

Police Lieutenant Andre Achee for Chief Larry Elarton- *See Chief's Monthly Report.*

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to suspend the rules to allow anyone that came in to address the commission as people to be heard.
SECONDED:	Furlong	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Moon Sae Bai, translated by Sandra Park- *Spoke on the unfair treatment of cab drivers by police, would like to see these issues resolved.*

Won Lee- *Would like to see Korean interpretation services offered to Chauffeur applicants.*

Young Back, translated by Sandra Park- *Spoke on the unfair treatment of cab drivers by police.*

VII. TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR REPORT

KaJena Baty- *See Chief's Monthly Report for Transportation Inspector Activity.*

The police are having a zero tolerance when dealing with cabs because we need to address the complaints made. Cab complaints may be handled criminally and/or administratively. Citations are issued by police officers to gain voluntary compliance with the law, citations are issued at the officer's discretion. If the transportation inspector determines that the chauffeur is unable to safely operate a vehicle and may be a danger to the public then a complaint may also be handled administratively by a temporary suspension or revocation of the driver's chauffeur license.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Sigmon- *The city is making a big push to go through the Bethel Municipal Code and update it. There may be a lot more enforcement. The budget has been tentatively approved, should be officially approved next week at 6:30pm. The federal sequester has not affected us since most of our funding comes from the state. There was a big ordinance that came up the council meeting before the last and it will be broken up into smaller parts and then considered. Was not present at the last council meeting.*

IX. SPECIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS

Consideration of the Resignation of Annette Sutton

MOVED:	Furlong	Motion to accept the resignation of Annette Sutton.
SECONDED:	Jennings	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor	

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Items

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No Items

I. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Pat Jennings- *This is the fourth unexcused absence of Paul Gregory. We should put on the next agenda for lack of attendance.*

Johnny Furlong- *The new conflict of interest ordinance on page 18 it says they cannot have any say or initiative in a ballot measure. Cannot petition or lobby as a commission member, but may as a private citizen. Is looking forward to tackling some new business at the next meeting.*

Brian Lefferts- *Will try to do a better job at watching the time, it is good that we were able to hear some comments. Thanks to the Police Department excited to have a meeting in July, hopefully at the new building.*

Joe Yoon- *No Comment*

Sharon Sigmon- *No Comment*

Paul Gregory- *Not present*

Annette Sutton- *Not present*

Joan Dewey- *Not present*

Jennifer Dobson- *Not present*

II. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED:	Sigmon	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED:	Furlong	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:06p

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF June, 2013.


KaJena Baty, Recorder


Brian Lefferts, Chair